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TOPIC Airfield of GROSSENHAIN 25X1C 25X1A

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1. a. [REDACTED] gave (N 52/A 01) for an enlargement of the GROSSENHAIN (N 52/A 01) airfield. Sections of other fields were also requisitioned by the Soviet airfield commander (Col) for the extension of the runway.
- b. A construction office had been set up in the vicinity of ADELSDORF (N 52/A 01). It was learned at this office that all the unemployed of GROSSENHAIN would be employed in the improvement of the airfield. The large runway was scheduled to be lengthened in the direction of ADELSDORF and a new area, up to the COTTBUS RR line (3,300 x 3,300 feet), was to be added to the existing airfield.
- c. The following preparations for an expansion of the airfield were observed:
 - (1) On 13 May 1949: Surveying.
 - (2) On 15 May 1949: A German mechanic stated that he and several other skilled workers had been recruited in DRESDEN (N 52/A 29) for construction work at the airfield.
 - (3) On 17 May 1949: The grass in the runway extension was being cut, by order of a German foreman in charge of the excavation work.
- d. A third track had been added to the RR track on the western field border as far as the fuel tank installations which comprised 18 containers.

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e. There was intensive flying with biplanes and single-engine monoplanes on 17 and 18 May 1949.

f. Forty to fifty single-engine aircraft of the same type were parked in meadows north of the field. Aircraft wrecks were near these aircraft.

g. Boxes, 3.3 x 2 feet, were being unloaded from a truck near the ammunition dump, located northeast of the field near a pond (Grosser Spitalteich). The dump had 18 sheds.

h. A steam roller was observed on 19 May 1949. Motor vehicles observed at the airfield

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2. a. Neither personnel nor aircraft had recently arrived at the GROSSENHAIN airfield. Individual and formation flying with single-engine monoplanes, as previously observed there, was conducted at the field on 26 May 1949. A four-engine commercial aircraft heading southeast flew over GROSSENHAIN at 3:45 p.m. Formation flying with single-engine aircraft and biplanes was practiced in the afternoon of 28 May 1949.

b. 125 acres previously under cultivation had been plowed up by 31 May 1949, and were then being leveled by two hundred workers employed by the "Ing-Bau DRESDEN" firm. The runways were scheduled to be extended toward the northeast and east.

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3. Comment:

a. The commencement of comprehensive construction work at the GROSSENHAIN airfield was reported by another source in Air Rpts No. J-1359 and J-1551. This report makes it certain that the two runways, with a length of 4,100 feet each, are to be extended.

b. Two ground attack regiments, equipped with IL-10 aircraft, are located at the field.

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